

## OVERHEARD IN AN ASYLUM

*Kreymborg, Alfred, 1883-1966*

And here we have another case,  
quite different from the last,  
another case quite different—  
Listen.

*Baby, drink.  
The war is over.  
Mother's breasts  
are round with milk.*

*Baby, rest.  
The war is over.  
Only pigs  
slop over so.*

*Baby, sleep.  
The war is over.  
Daddy's come  
with a German coin.*

*Baby, dream.  
The war is over.  
You'll be a soldier  
too.*

We gave her the doll—  
Now there we have another case,  
quite different from—